

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2295

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Utilisation of Grants

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds released to various States for the Panchayati Raj Institutions during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of funds out of that for which utilisation certificates have not been received along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether major audit observations have been made in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Panchayati Raj, till 2014-15, was implementing two major Schemes namely (a) Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA), and (b) Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). Under RGPSA, grants-in-aid was provided to States/UTs, based on approved annual plans, for capacity building of Panchayats. Under BRGF, untied grants were provided to State Governments based on the annual district plans duly approved by the District Planning Committees, to fill certain critical gaps in identified backward districts of the States. The State component of RGPSA and the BRGF schemes have been transferred to State Governments from 2015-16.

The Ministry has been taking up issue of pending Utilisation Certificates (UCs) with State Governments regularly. The State-wise details of funds released during the last three financial years and pending utilization certificates under RGPSA and BRGF Schemes are at Annexure I and Annexure II respectively.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.